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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: DE-9J

Ms. Kathleen Hall, President Northestern Exploration, Inc. 1190 M-32 Johannesburg, Michigan 49751

Re: Off-Site Rule Acceptability Determination

Northeastern Exploration, Inc.

MI-119-1I-C002

Dear Ms. Hall:

This letter is in reply to the January 27, 2005 letter to Mr. William Damico regarding the Northeastern Exploration, Inc. request for off-site rule acceptability.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 300.440 (a) (4), my staff has determined that no relevant violations or releases currently exist at Northeastern Exploration, Inc.. Therefore, Northeastern Exploration, Inc. located 1190 M-32, Johannesburg, Michigan is acceptable to receive non-hazardous wastes from CERCLA sites.

The acceptability determination is based on the assumption that only non-hazardous waste for which Northeastern Exploration, Inc. is properly permitted and which has been approved under the conditions of the state and federal permits will be shipped to this facility. It is your responsibility to review any proposed waste streams for compliance with the permits for your facility.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Damico at (312) 353-8207, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 – DE-9J, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Sincerely yours,

Soseph M. Boyle, Chief

Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch

Waste Pesticides and Toxics Division

cc: Raymond Vugrinovich

MDEQ Geological Survey Division